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Testimony of Association of Montana Turf, Ornamental and Pest Professionals (AMTOPP)

Mr. Vice Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today. For the record my name is Brad Culver. I am a small business owner in Helena with a NitroGreen franchise and a founding member and past president of the Association of Montana Turf, Ornamental and Pest Professionals (AMTOPP.)

We support Senate Bill 55 sponsored by Senate Agriculture Chairman Don Steinbeisser at the request of the Montana Department of Agriculture.

We agree with the department that it is time to bring Montana's Fertilizer Act up to date with the American Association of Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO.) This important to not only Montana agricultural producers for level playing field from locality to locality and for clarity in regulation, but also those of us in the urban use of fertilizer regulated by the Montana Department of Agriculture.

We ask you to support Senate Bill 55. Again, thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee and I welcome questions. If I can't answer them today, I will provide the information before you take executive action on this bill.